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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and New Zealand have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Information Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which India has agreed to provide all co- operation in software development and training in New Zealand?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): An Arrangement was signed on 7th December, 2001 between Government of the Republic of India and Government of New Zealand for cooperation in Information Technology sector to promote the development of relations between business, research bodies, educational institutions, central and local Government agencies and other ancillary organisations in this sector.

(c): India has, inter-alia, agreed to cooperate with New Zealand in software and multi-media development through exchange of information, promoting understanding of regulatory approaches, facilitating trade in information industry, encouraging trade and business networks & partnerships between Indian and New Zealand information industry companies for, participation in bilateral, regional and international dialogue and cooperation in this area.

The cooperation is however, subject to the availability of funds & resources and observance of applicable laws and regulations of both countries.